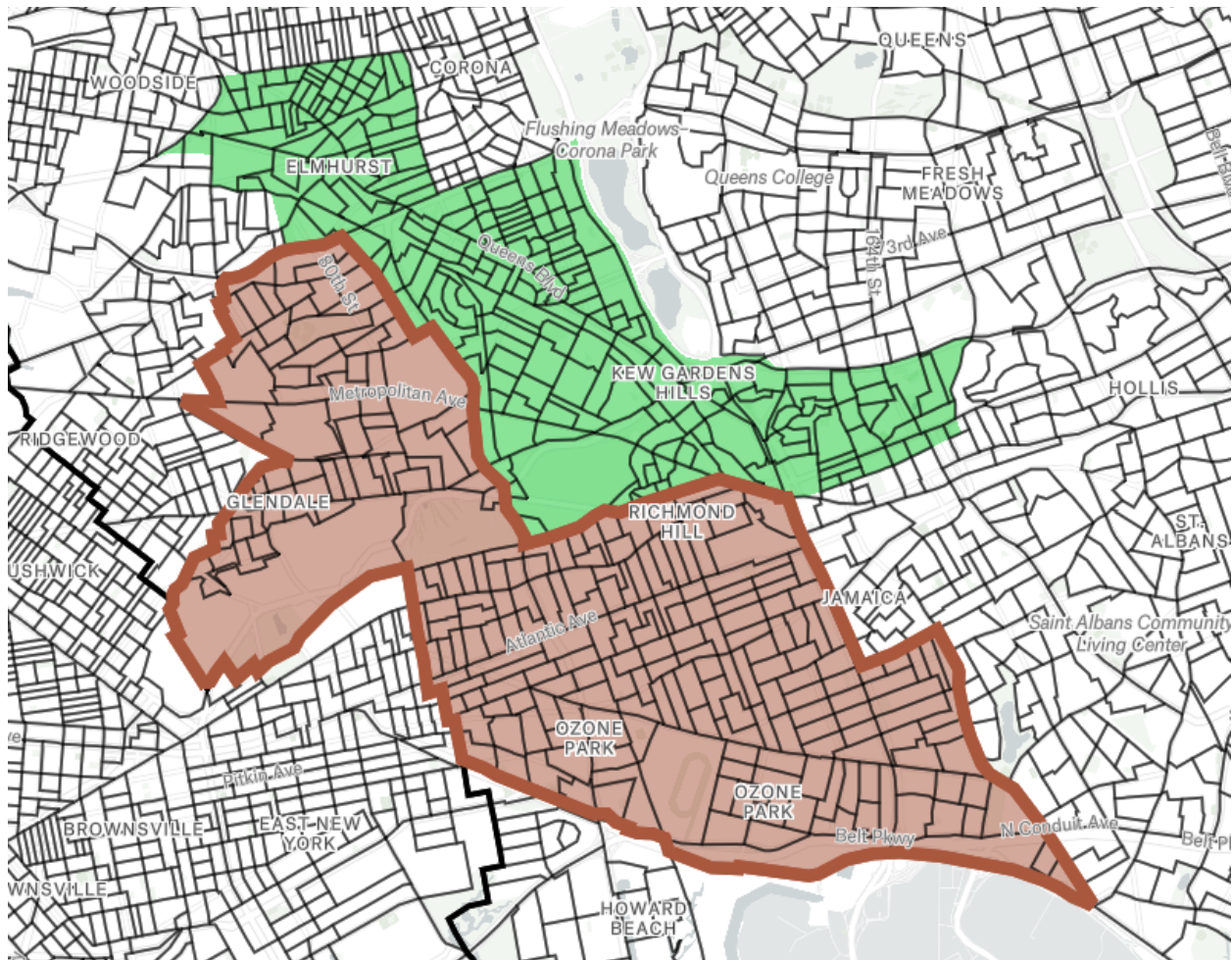


NY State Senate Map Submission

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Description

This map represents a reimagining of NY State Senate Districts 15 and 16. District 15 (in brown) includes all or part of Glendale, Middle Village, Woodhaven, Brooklyn Manor, Ozone Park, Morris Park and Richmond Hill. NY State Senate District 16 (in the green) includes all or part of Elmhurst, Rego Park, Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Briarwood and Jamaica Hills.

Senate District 15 (green) borders include:

- Roosevelt Avenue
- Junction Boulevard.
- Long Island Express
- Grand Central Parkway
- Home Lawn St.
- Hillside Ave.
- 89th Ave.
- Jamaica Ave.

- Metropolitan Avenue
- 85th Avenue
- Park Lane South
- Woodhaven Boulevard

Senate District 16 (brown/left) borders include:

- Park Lane South
- Van Wyck Expressway
- Sutphin Boulevard
- Rockaway Boulevard
- Nassau Expressway
- North Conduit Avenue
- Eldert Lane (Brooklyn border)
- Forest Park
- Central Avenue
- Long Island Expressway
- 84th Street
- Woodhaven Boulevard

Why this Map

Senate Districts 15 and 16 are now heavily gerrymandered. Both districts cut communities into pieces and assemble pieces that have little in common with one another, while. Having a district that runs from Maspeth into Rockaway Beach and another that runs from Woodside into Alley Pond Park does not show continuity. The maps above strive to keep communities whole and to assemble them in logical ways, within relatively compact districts. While their shapes are irregular, that mostly reflects the irregularities of their park and highway borders.

Commonalities

Senate District 15 (green)

This consolidated area creates a Majority Minority district. The breakdown is:

- Asian - 42%
- Hispanic - 27%
- White - 25%
- Black - 7%

The district shares public transportation corridors with a mixture of one and two fare zone commuters. Single family and multi-family houses, and apartment buildings intermingle throughout its expanse. A large wave of new construction along Queens Boulevard in zip codes 11373, 11374 and 11375 is creating a mix of high-end and affordable housing on top floors and much needed commercial space at street level. Shopping areas along Queens Boulevard, Metropolitan Avenue, 108 Street, Myrtle Avenue and Central Avenue cater to communities that range from working class to affluent.

Senate District 16 (brown)

District 16 is also a majority minority district: It is 32% Hispanic, 25% Asian, 19% white, and 18% black. It encompasses all of Richmond Hill, South Richmond Hill, Ozone Park, South Ozone Park, Woodhaven, and Morris Park, and part of Glendale. The areas have similar housing (mostly single family and two family homes, some detached and some row houses, as well as some apartment buildings), with shopping along Jamaica Avenue, Liberty Avenue, Woodhaven Boulevard, and Rockaway Boulevard that cater to predominantly working class and moderate-income immigrant communities.

What this map solves

These maps create two Senate Districts in Central Queens that are geographically condensed. This allows residents greater opportunity to organize and advocate for issues that affect them. We also strongly believe that keeping communities whole in their representation makes them easier to manage.

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